



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County**

**Report of the Finance Subcommittee on Real Estate and  
Business and Economic Development**

**Tuesday, November 18, 2014**

**12:15 PM**

**Cook County Building, Board Room, Rm. 569  
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**SECTION 1**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Chairman García, Vice Chairman Murphy Commissioners Butler, Gorman, Moore, Reyes, Schneider and Steele (8)

**Absent:** None (0)

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Chairman Garcia asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code, Sec. 2-107 (dd).

1. George Blakemore, Concerned Citizen

**14-5065**

**Presented by:** HERMAN BREWER, Chief, Bureau of Economic Development

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**ATW PROPERTIES, LLC 6B PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST**

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for an industrial facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Board of Commissioners has received and reviewed an application from ATW Properties, LLC and Resolution No. 1314-R-24 from the Village of Franklin Park for an abandoned industrial facility located at 10530 Anderson Place, Franklin Park, Cook County, Illinois, Cook County District 16, Permanent Index Number 12-29-201-016-0000; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County has defined abandoned property as buildings and other structures that, after having been vacant and unused for at least 24 months, are purchased for value by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest; and

**WHEREAS**, industrial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying industrial real estate eligible for the Class 6b can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that new construction or rehabilitation has been completed, or in the case of abandoned property from the date of substantial re-occupancy. Properties receiving Class 6b will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year; and

**WHEREAS**, in the instance where the property does not meet the definition of abandoned property, the municipality or the Board of Commissioners, may determine that special circumstances justify finding that the property is abandoned for purpose of Class 6b; and

**WHEREAS**, in the case of abandonment of less than 24 months and purchase for value, by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest, the County may determine that special circumstances justify finding the property is deemed abandoned; and

**WHEREAS**, Class 6b requires the validation by the County Board of the shortened period of qualifying abandonment in cases where the facility has been abandoned for less than 24 consecutive months upon purchase for value; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has determined that the building was abandoned for 22 months at the time of application, and that special circumstances are present; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant estimates that the re-occupancy will create 10 to 15 full-time jobs; retain 75 full-time jobs and 20 to 30 construction jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Franklin Park states the Class 6b is necessary for development to occur on this specific real estate. The municipal resolution cites the special circumstances include that the property has been vacant for less than 24 months; there has been a purchase for value and the site is in need of substantial rehabilitation; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant acknowledges that it must provide an affidavit to the Assessor's Office stipulating that it is in compliance with the County's Living Wage Ordinance prior to receiving the Class 6b incentive on the subject property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, that the President and Board of Commissioners validate the property located at 10530 Anderson Place, Franklin Park, Cook County, Illinois, is deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class 6b; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Cook County Assessor

**Legislative History:** 10/8/14 Board of Commissioners referred to the Finance Subcommittee on Real Estate and Business and Economic Development

**A motion was made by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Vice Chairman Murphy, that this Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman García, Vice Chairman Murphy, Butler, Gorman, Moore, Reyes, Schneider and Steele (8)

**Absent:** None (0)

**14-5594**

**Presented by:** ANNA ASHCRAFT, Director, Real Estate Management Division

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**ASSET MANAGEMENT AND SPACE STANDARDS ORDINANCE**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 2, ADMINISTRATION, Article XII, Asset Management, Division 1, Sections 2-1000 through 2-1025, is hereby enacted as follows:

**Chapter 2, ADMINISTRATION, Article 12, ASSET MANAGEMENT AND SPACE STANDARDS**

**Sec. 2-1000. Legislative findings and purpose.**

- (a) Section 5/5 of the Counties Code (55 ILCS 5/5-1106) provides that "it shall be the duty of the county board "to provide proper rooms and offices for the accommodation of the county board, State's attorney, county clerk, county treasurer, recorder and sheriff . . . .
- (b) In fulfilling that obligation, the County of Cook owns or occupies over 19 million square feet of real estate assets.
- (c) The County expends millions of dollars each year to operate those real estate assets.
- (d) In addition to operating costs, hundreds of millions of dollars in deferred maintenance and capital needs will be required to continue to operate County real estate, which will require constant capital expenditures over many years.
- (e) Efficient use of the County's real estate assets could save the County millions of dollars in operating and capital costs by facilitating consolidation of space into fewer facilities and reducing space needs for many users.
- (f) Efficient use of the County's real estate assets requires a centralized and consistent approach, with participation by various agencies and departments having knowledge and responsibilities bearing on the use and maintenance of real estate, and cooperation among using departments and agencies in modernizing space use.
- (g) In order to promote efficient use of real estate assets, in 2011 the Real Estate Management Division, the Office of Capital Planning and Policy, the Department of Facilities Management, the Budget and Management Services Department, and the Bureau of Administration, under the authority of President Toni Preckwinkle, created the Space Allocation Committee, charged which instituting processes and procedures for departments and agencies requesting additional space or reconfiguration to existing space.
- (h) The Space Allocation Committee has implemented a process for allocating real estate assets, and has begun reallocating unused or underutilized space, with significant cooperation from many departments and elected officials.

- (i) In 2012, the County undertook a Real Estate Asset Strategic Realignment Plan project (the REASRP) which has assessed both the physical condition and the space utilization of County real estate assets.
- (j) The REASRP recommends re-structuring the management of real estate assets by combining the departments of Capital Planning, Facilities Management and Real Estate into one group, under the leadership of an Asset Manager.
- (k) The REASRP has revealed that administrative and other space is often underutilized, based upon modern office standards, whereas other agencies and departments operate in cramped and therefore inefficient space which hampers the delivery of public services.
- (l) The REASRP has developed Office Standards and procedures for applying those standards, which, if fully implemented, could reduce administrative occupancy by over 300,000 square feet, as well as data on employee counts and uses of space which will enable the Space Allocation Committee to analyze space needs and promote fair and efficient use.
- (m) The data generated by the REASRP requires continuous updating in order to support efficient space allocations, which can only be accomplished through cooperation and open exchange of information regarding space use between the Space Allocation Committee and Elected Officials.

(n) The purpose of this article is to:

- (1) Establish an Asset Management Steering Committee in order to achieve the goals of the REASRP and implement its recommendations, to provide for participation by Elected Officials and to foster cooperation in furthering the goals of the REASRP;
- (2) Formally adopt the Office Standards; and
- (3) Empower the Space Allocation Committee to apply and enforce the Office Standards, to develop and enforce Furniture and Fixture Standards, to continue the process of space allocation, and to develop additional standards and procedures to further the goals of the REASRP.

#### **Sec. 2-1001. Establishment of the Asset Management Steering Committee**

- (a) The County Board hereby establishes an Asset Management Steering Committee (AMSC).
- (b) The AMSC will fall under the auspices of the Asset Manager.
- (c) The AMSC shall consist of representatives from each of the following Cook County agencies and Elected Officials:
  - (1) the Office of the President;
  - (2) the Bureau of Finance, including the Department of Budget and Management Services;
  - (3) the Asset Manager, representatives of the Department of Facilities Management (DFM), the Office of Capital Planning and Policy (OCPP), and the Real Estate Management Division (REMD);

- (4) the Bureau of Administration (BOA);
- (5) The Bureau of Technology;
- (6) Cook County Health and Hospitals System (CCHHS);
- (7) The Chair of the Finance Committee of the Board of Commissioners;
- (8) The Chair of the Subcommittee on Real Estate and Economic Development;
- (9) The Assessor;
- (10) The Board of Review;
- (11) The Chief Judge;
- (12) The Clerk of the Circuit Court;
- (13) The County Clerk;
- (14) The Recorder of Deeds;
- (15) The Sheriff;
- (16) The State's Attorney; and
- (17) The Treasurer.

(d) AMSC shall be chaired by the Deputy Bureau Chief for Asset Management, or such other member of AMSC as may be designated by the President. AMSC shall meet semi-annually, or as otherwise requested by the President.

(e) The President shall have the authority to appoint additional member departments and remove departments as necessary to accomplish the goals of the AMSC.

#### **Sec. 2-1002. Authority of Asset Management Steering Committee**

(a) AMSC shall have the following responsibilities:

- (1) Reviewing the implementation of the Office Standards and other policies developed for efficient space use by the Space Allocation Committee;
- (2) Modifying and adopting policies and standards, based on the recommendations of SAC, to further the goals of consolidation and cost savings;

- (3) Administering and ensuring compliance with this Article;
- (4) Receiving and reviewing reports by the Space Allocation Committee advising AMSC of progress in the goals of improving space utilization.
- (5) All members of AMSC shall be responsible for ensuring that their respective agencies comply with the procedures of the SAC and that the policies of the AMSC are administered and adhered to by employees within their offices.
- (6) Submitting an annual report to the Board describing progress toward the goals of the REASRP, any modifications of standards or policies adopted throughout the preceding year, failure to participate or cooperate on the part of any department, agency or Elected Official, and any cost savings achieved through consolidation or increased efficiency in use of real estate.

#### **Sec. 2-1003. Authority of Space Allocation Committee**

- (a) The County Board hereby establishes the Space Allocation Committee (SAC) as previously authorized by the President.
- (b) SAC shall serve under the auspices of and report to the President.
- (c) SAC shall consist of representatives from the County departments designated by the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, and shall include the Asset Management Group and its constituent departments, the Bureau of Administration, the Department of Budget and Management Services, and the Cook County Health and Hospitals System. The chairperson of SAC shall be the Real Estate Director, or such other SAC member as is designated by the Asset Manager.
- (d) No Elected Official, Bureau Chief, Department Head or other County employee or official shall have the authority to assign, allocate, or change the use of space in any County facility or in or on any County-owned or occupied real estate other than by participating in the process established and administered by the Space Allocation Committee.
- (e) SAC has the authority to make and deny allocations of space, changes to space use, renovations, reductions of space, and all other changes affecting the use of real estate assets; to develop and implement standards for space use, apply such standards to space requests and existing uses, investigate existing space uses and re-allocate space that is determined to be underutilized, prioritize space needs, develop and implement policies and procedures regarding the use and allocation of real estate assets, approve and deny furniture procurements not in accordance with the Furniture and Finishes Standards, and take other actions as necessary to optimize the County's use and expenditures for its real estate assets. SAC will report to AMSC on progress in the space allocation process, on issues requiring policy decisions, and on progress in consolidation and efficient asset management.
- (f) All Elected Officials, Bureau Chiefs, department heads and other County employees or officials for whom the County provides real estate in which to conduct County business, will be required to cooperate with the SAC space allocation process in making any alterations, improvements, reconfiguration or other changes to space or to use of space, expanding or reducing occupancy of space, relocating staff within or between facilities, reallocating existing space among departments of the using agency, and procurement of furniture, regardless of source of funding.

(g) Due to the cost of operating and maintaining real estate assets, all Elected Officials, Bureau Chiefs, department heads and other County officials or employees for whom the County provides real estate will notify the SAC of any vacated space in order that such space can be re-purposed.

(h) Upon request, Elected Officials, Bureau Chiefs, department heads and other County officials will provide SAC with updated information as to the number of staff at any location, and other information regarding space use as may be necessary to carry out the responsibilities of the SAC.

#### **Sec. 2-1004. Standards**

(a) The Office Space Standards recommended in the Real Estate Asset Strategic Realignment Plan, and incorporated in this Ordinance by this reference, are hereby adopted as a policy of Cook County. SAC shall apply the Office Space Standards for all administrative and office space, with adaptation to specific uses being within the discretion of SAC.

(b) It is recognized that fully implementing the Office Space Standards requires capital investment, and will occur over a number of years. Therefore, SAC will endeavor to adhere to the Office Space Standards as much as practicable in all requests for space and reconfiguration, while balancing the costs to achieve the goals with other factors such as the length of time the space will be occupied, the eventual plan for the facility in which it is located and similar factors.

(c) The implementation of the Office Space Standards depends in large part on procurement of appropriate sizes and configurations of modular and other office furniture, fixtures and certain office equipment such as printers and similar devices that impact space use (Furniture and Fixtures). In addition, in order to provide flexibility in re-purposing of space, fairness and a consistent and productive office environment, it is important to apply standards to the design and allocation of Furniture and Fixtures. Therefore, SAC is further charged with the development of furniture, fixtures, equipment and finishes standards (Furniture and Finishes Standards), and the application of such standards. The Chief Procurement Officer shall provide to SAC copies of all procurement requests involving Furniture and Fixtures and using departments shall cooperate with SAC in conforming purchases to the Furniture and Finishes Standards. Orders for items covered by the Furniture and Finishes Standards will not be placed without concurrence from the SAC Chair.

(d) The implementation of the Office Space Standards is also impacted by the use and adoption of technology, such as printing and multifunctional devices, broadband availability, and network connectivity. Therefore, the Bureau of Technology will collaborate with SAC to promote efficient use of technology to minimize space use, and to adopt standards and procedures for the distribution and use of such technology so as to improve the efficiency of space utilization. As technology is adopted, and as space use and standards evolve, the Bureau of Technology will cooperate with SAC to review the Office Space Standards from time to time and adopt modifications as appropriate to enhance space utilization and cost effectiveness.

(e) The provision of adequate conference rooms and maximizing use of conference rooms are critical elements in the efficient use of space. Therefore, SAC is further charged with developing procedures for sharing and scheduling of conference facilities accommodating more than 10 individuals.

## **Sec. 2-1005. Procedures**

SAC shall develop procedures for efficient use of space and for submitting, evaluating and deciding upon requests for space, requests for changes, procurement and installation of furniture, and other actions regarding or impacting space use, space efficiency, and improvements.

## **Sec. 2-1006 through 1025. Reserved.**

**Effective date:** This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption

**Legislative History:** 10/8/14Board of Commissioners referred to the Finance Subcommittee on Real Estate and Business and Economic Development

**A motion was made by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Vice Chairman Murphy, that this Ordinance be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman García, Vice Chairman Murphy, Butler, Gorman, Moore, Reyes, Schneider and Steele (8)

**Absent:** None (0)

**14-5601**

**Presented by:** HERMAN BREWER, Chief, Bureau of Economic Development

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President and ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, County Commissioner

## **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

### **KYLIE CAPITAL LLC CLASS 6B PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST**

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for an industrial facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Board of Commissioners has received and reviewed an application from Kylie Capital, LLC and Resolution No. R-10-2014 from the City of Northlake for an abandoned industrial facility located at 1260 Garnet Drive, Northlake, Cook County, Illinois, Cook County District 17, Permanent Index Numbers 12-30-100-021-0000; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County has defined abandoned property as buildings and other structures that, after having been vacant and unused for at least 24 months, are purchased for value by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest; and

**WHEREAS**, industrial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value. Qualifying industrial real estate eligible for the Class 6b can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that new construction or rehabilitation has been completed, or in the case of abandoned property from the date of substantial re-occupancy. Properties receiving Class 6b will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year; and

**WHEREAS**, in the instance where the property does not meet the definition of abandoned property, the municipality or the Board of Commissioners, may determine that special circumstances justify finding that the property is abandoned for the purpose of Class 6b; and

**WHEREAS**, in the case of abandonment of less than 24 months with purchase for value by a disinterested buyer, the County may determine that special circumstances justify finding the property is deemed abandoned; and

**WHEREAS**, Class 6b requires a resolution by the County Board validating the property is deemed abandoned for the purpose of Class 6b; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has determined that the building has been abandoned for 9 months, at the time of application, with purchase for value and that special circumstances are present; and

**WHEREAS**, the re-occupancy will create an estimated 6 full-time jobs; retain 27 full-time jobs; 10 construction jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Northlake states the Class 6b is necessary for development to occur on this specific real estate. The municipal resolution cites the special circumstances include that the property has been vacant for an extended period of time with a purchase for value; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant acknowledges that it must provide an affidavit to the Assessor's Office stipulating that it is in compliance with the County's Living Wage Ordinance prior to receiving the Class 6b incentive on the subject property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, that the President and Board of Commissioners validate the property located at 1260 Garnet Drive, Northlake, Cook County, Illinois, Cook County, is deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class 6b ; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Cook County Assessor.

**Legislative History:** 10/8/14 Board of Commissioners referred to the Finance Subcommittee on Real Estate and Business and Economic Development

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gorman, seconded by Vice Chairman Murphy, that this Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman García, Vice Chairman Murphy, Butler, Gorman, Moore, Reyes, Schneider and Steele (8)

**Absent:** None (0)

**Presented by:** HERMAN BREWER, Chief, Bureau of Economic Development

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President and JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RAJDEJ HOLDINGS LLC CLASS 8 PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST**

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 8 that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for an industrial facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Board of Commissioners has received and reviewed an application from RAJDEJ Holdings LLC and Resolution No. 13-36 from the City of Calumet City for an abandoned industrial facility located at 1584 Huntington Avenue, Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, Cook County District 06, Permanent Index Numbers 29-24-400-041-0000, 29-24-400-048-0000, 29-24-400-051-0000, and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County has defined abandoned property as buildings and other structures that, after having been vacant and unused for at least 24 months, are purchased for value by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest; and

**WHEREAS**, industrial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying industrial real estate eligible for the Class 8 can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that new construction or rehabilitation has been completed, or in the case of abandoned property from the date of substantial re-occupancy. Properties receiving Class 8 will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year; and

**WHEREAS**, in the instance where the property does not meet the definition of abandoned property, the municipality or the Board of Commissioners, may determine that special circumstances justify finding that the property is abandoned for the purpose of Class 8; and

**WHEREAS**, in the case of abandonment of over 24 months and no purchase for value by a disinterested buyer, the County may determine that special circumstances justify finding the property is deemed abandoned; and

**WHEREAS**, Class 8 requires a resolution by the County Board validating the property is deemed abandoned for the purpose of Class 8; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has determined that the building has been abandoned for 38 months, at the time of application, with no purchase for value and that special circumstances are present; and

**WHEREAS**, the re-occupancy will support the creation of four (4) to six (6) permanent full-time jobs and two (2) to four (4) construction jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Calumet City states the Class 8 is necessary for development to occur and that special circumstances include the property has been vacant for over 24 months; with no purchase for value; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, that the President and Board of Commissioners validate the property located at 1584 Huntington Avenue, Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, is deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class 8; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Cook County Assessor.

**Legislative History:** 10/8/14 Board of Commissioners referred to the Finance Subcommittee on Real Estate and Business and Economic Development

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Gorman, that this Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman García, Vice Chairman Murphy, Butler, Gorman, Moore, Reyes, Schneider and Steele (8)

**Absent:** None (0)

**14-5612**

**Presented by:** HERMAN BREWER, Chief, Bureau of Economic Development

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioner

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **G & G PARTNERS, LLC CLASS 6B PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST**

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for an industrial facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Board of Commissioners has received and reviewed an application from G & G Partners, LLC and Resolution No. 14-R-3 from the Village of LaGrange for an abandoned industrial facility located at 501 Shawmut Avenue, LaGrange, Cook County, Illinois, Cook County District 16, Permanent Index Numbers 18-04-200-017-0000; 18-04-200-036-0000 and 18-04-200-037-0000; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County has defined abandoned property as buildings and other structures that, after having been vacant and unused for at least 24 months, are purchased for value by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest; and

**WHEREAS**; industrial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying industrial real estate eligible for the Class 6b can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that new construction or rehabilitation has been completed, or in the case of abandoned property from the date of substantial re-occupancy. Properties receiving Class 6b will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year; and

**WHEREAS**, in the instance where the property does not meet the definition of abandoned property, the municipality or the Board of Commissioners, may determine that special circumstances justify finding that the property is abandoned for purpose of Class 6b; and

**WHEREAS**, in the case of abandonment of less than 24 months and purchase for value, by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest, the County may determine that special circumstances justify finding the property is deemed abandoned; and

**WHEREAS**, Class 6b requires the validation by the County Board of the shortened period of qualifying abandonment in cases where the facility has been abandoned for less than 24 consecutive months upon purchase for value; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has determined that the building was abandoned for 13 months at the time of application, and that special circumstances are present; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant estimates that the re-occupancy will create 30 full-time jobs and six (6) part-time jobs will retain 53 full-time jobs and three (3) part-time jobs and five (5) construction jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of LaGrange states the Class 6b is necessary for development to occur on this specific real estate. The municipal resolution cites the special circumstances include that the property has been vacant for less than 24 months; there has been a purchase for value and the site is in need of substantial rehabilitation; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant acknowledges that it must provide an affidavit to the Assessor's Office stipulating that it is in compliance with the County's Living Wage Ordinance prior to receiving the Class 6b incentive on the subject property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, that the President and Board of Commissioners validate the property located at 501 Shawmut Avenue, LaGrange, Cook County, Illinois, is deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class 6b; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Cook County Assessor.

**Legislative History:** 10/8/14 Board of Commissioners referred to the Finance Subcommittee on Real Estate and Business and Economic Development

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman García, Vice Chairman Murphy, Butler, Gorman, Moore, Reyes, Schneider and Steele (8)

**Absent:** None (0)

**14-5613**

**Presented by:** HERMAN BREWER, Chief, Bureau of Economic Development

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**ALIN MACHINING CO., INC. D/B/A POWER PLANT SERVICES CLASS 6B PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST**

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for an industrial facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Board of Commissioners has received and reviewed an application from Alin Machining Co., Inc. d/b/a Power Plant Services and Resolution No. 9-14 from the Village of Melrose Park for an abandoned industrial facility located at 1717-1725 N. 33rd Avenue, Melrose Park, Cook County, Illinois, Cook County District 16, Permanent Index Number 15-04-203-018-0000; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County has defined abandoned property as buildings and other structures that, after having been vacant and unused for at least 24 months, are purchased for value by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest; and

**WHEREAS**; industrial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying industrial real estate eligible for the Class 6b can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that new construction or rehabilitation has been completed, or in the case of abandoned property from the date of substantial re-occupancy. Properties receiving Class 6b will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year; and

**WHEREAS**, in the instance where the property does not meet the definition of abandoned property, the municipality or the Board of Commissioners, may determine that special circumstances justify finding that the property is abandoned for purpose of Class 6b; and

**WHEREAS**, in the case of abandonment of less than 24 months and purchase for value, by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest, the County may determine that special circumstances justify finding the property is deemed abandoned; and

**WHEREAS**, Class 6b requires the validation by the County Board of the shortened period of qualifying abandonment in cases where the facility has been abandoned for less than 24 consecutive months upon purchase for value; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has determined that the building was abandoned for nine (9) months at the time of application, and that special circumstances are present; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant estimates that the re-occupancy will retain 200 full-time jobs; which 40 of the full time jobs will be relocated this site and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Melrose Park states the Class 6b is necessary for development to occur on this specific real estate. The municipal resolution cites the special circumstances include that the property has been vacant for less than 24 months; there has been a purchase for value and the site is in need of substantial rehabilitation; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant acknowledges that it must provide an affidavit to the Assessor's Office stipulating that it is in compliance with the County's Living Wage Ordinance prior to receiving the Class 6b incentive on the subject property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, that the President and Board of Commissioners validate the property located at 1717-1725 N. 33rd Avenue, Melrose Park, Cook County, Illinois, is deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class 6b; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Cook County Assessor.

**Legislative History:** 10/8/14 Board of Commissioners referred to the Finance Subcommittee on Real Estate and Business and Economic Development

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman García, Vice Chairman Murphy, Butler, Gorman, Moore, Reyes, Schneider and Steele (8)

**Absent:** None (0)

**14-5614**

**Presented by:** HERMAN BREWER, Chief, Bureau of Economic Development

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President and JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, County Commissioner

## **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

### **PT, LLC & BAPA, LLC CLASS 8 PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST**

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 8 that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for a commercial facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Board of Commissioners has received and reviewed an application from PT, LLC & BAPA, LLC and Resolution No. 2013-04-0202R from the City of Oak Forest for an abandoned commercial facility located at 15301 S. Harlem, Oak Forest, Cook County, Illinois, Cook County District 6, and Permanent Index Numbers 28-18-100-041-000 and 28-18-100-055-0000; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County has defined abandoned property as buildings and other structures that, after having been vacant and unused for at least 24 months, are purchased for value by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest; and

**WHEREAS**; industrial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying industrial real estate eligible for the Class 8 can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that new construction or rehabilitation has been completed, or in the case of abandoned property from the date of substantial re-occupancy. Properties receiving Class 8 will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year; and

**WHEREAS**, in the instance where the property does not meet the definition of abandoned property, the municipality or the Board of Commissioners, may determine that special circumstances justify finding that the property is abandoned for purpose of Class 8; and

**WHEREAS**, in the case of abandonment of less than 24 months and purchase for value, by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest, the County may determine that special circumstances justify finding the property is deemed abandoned; and

**WHEREAS**, Class 8 requires the validation by the County Board of the shortened period of qualifying abandonment in cases where the facility has been abandoned for less than 24 consecutive months upon purchase for value; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has determined that the building was abandoned for over 72 months at the time of application, and that special circumstances are present; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant estimates that the re-occupancy will create 10-12 full-time jobs; retain 175 full-time jobs; and create 10-12 construction jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oak Forest states the Class 8 is necessary for development to occur and that special circumstances exist which include the subject property has been vacant for less than 24 months there has been a purchase for value; and that the subject property is in need of substantial rehabilitation; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, State of Illinois, that the President and Board of Commissioners validate the property located at 15301 S. Harlem, Oak Forest, Cook County, Illinois, is deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class 8; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Cook County Assessor.

**Legislative History:** 10/8/14 Board of Commissioners referred to the Finance Subcommittee on Real Estate and Business and Economic Development

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman García, Vice Chairman Murphy, Butler, Gorman, Moore, Reyes, Schneider and Steele (8)

**Absent:** None (0)

**14-5631**

**Presented by:** HERMAN BREWER, Chief, Bureau of Economic Development

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President and DEBORAH SIMS, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**SIMBORG INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CLASS 8 PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST**

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 8 that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for a commercial facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Board of Commissioners has received and reviewed an application from Simborg Industrial Development and Resolution No. 2667 from the City of Harvey for an abandoned commercial facility located at 217-235 W. 171st Street, Harvey, Cook County, Illinois, Cook County District 5, and Permanent Index Number 29-29-205-013-0000; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County has defined abandoned property as buildings and other structures that, after having been vacant and unused for at least 24 months, are purchased for value by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest; and

**WHEREAS**; industrial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying industrial real estate eligible for the Class 8 can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that new construction or rehabilitation has been completed, or in the case of abandoned property from the date of substantial re-occupancy. Properties receiving Class 8 will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year; and

**WHEREAS**, in the instance where the property does not meet the definition of abandoned property, the municipality or the Board of Commissioners, may determine that special circumstances justify finding that the property is abandoned for purpose of Class 8; and

**WHEREAS**, in the case of abandonment of more than 24 months and no purchase for value, the County may determine that special circumstances justify finding the property is deemed abandoned; and

**WHEREAS**, Class 8 requires the validation by the County Board of the shortened period of qualifying abandonment in cases where the facility has been abandoned for less than 24 consecutive months upon purchase for value; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has determined that the building was abandoned for 30 months at the time of application, and that special circumstances are present; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant states that the number of jobs will be determined once the site has been occupied; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Harvey states the Class 8 is necessary for development to occur and that special circumstances exist which include the subject property has been vacant for less than 24 months there has been a purchase for value; and that the subject property is in need of substantial rehabilitation; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, State of Illinois, that the President and Board of Commissioners validate the property located at 217-235 W. 171st Street, Harvey, Cook County, Illinois, is deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class 8; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Cook County Assessor.

**Legislative History:** 10/8/14 Board of Commissioners referred to the Finance Subcommittee on Real Estate and Business and Economic Development

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** Chairman García, Vice Chairman Murphy, Butler, Gorman, Moore, Reyes, Schneider and Steele (8)

## ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Steele that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Chairman Garcia, Vice Chairman Murphy Commissioners Butler, Gorman, Moore, Reyes, Schneider and Steele (8)

**Absent:** None (0)

## **SECTION 2**

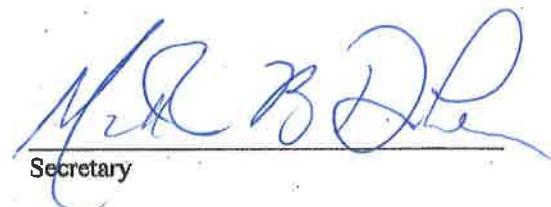
### **YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTION WITH REGARD TO THE MATTERS NAMED HEREIN:**

File Id Number 14-5065.....	Recommended for Approval
File Id Number 14-5594.....	Recommended for Approval
File Id Number 14-5601.....	Recommended for Approval
File Id Number 14-5606.....	Recommended for Approval
File Id Number 14-5612.....	Recommended for Approval
File Id Number 14-5613.....	Recommended for Approval
File Id Number 14-5614.....	Recommended for Approval
File Id Number 14-5631.....	Recommended for Approval

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

\*A video recording of this meeting is available at <https://cook-county.legistar.com>